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Terminal Disclaimer

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Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The Terminal Disclaimer filed 12-19-2001 overcomes the obviousness-type double patenting rejection set forth in paper number 10.

The amendment to claim 46 to include the limitations of claim 57 overcomes the rejections of claims 46, 52, 56 set forth in paper number 10. Newly submitted claims 59-70 recite embodiments of the instantly claimed "pre-cured mixture" comprising rheological agents not taught in the prior art of record or otherwise known to the examiner. Claims 59-62 combine the limitations of former claim 1 with former claims 11, 12, 13 and 15. See paper number 11, pages 6 and 7, for a detailed discussion.

The term "pre-cured" in "pre-cured mixture" in the instant claims is defined in the instant specification on page 6, line 9, as meaning "prior to curing".



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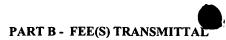
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